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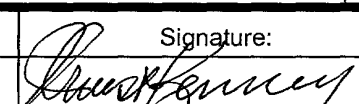
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Transmitted herewith is a patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Entitled: FLOOR COVERING

- ☒ 1. Submitted herewith are the following:
- 25 pages of specification.
 - ☒ Abstract.
 - 5 sheet(s) of drawings.
 - 22 claim(s).
 - ☒ Oath/Declaration unsigned by each inventor.
 - ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s).
 - ☐ pages of Form PTO-1449, and one copy of each document listed thereon.
 - ☐ Assignment of the invention, Cover Sheet, and payment of the \$_____ recordal fee.
 - 1 certified copy of application no. 2000/0381 filed in Belgium. Priority is claimed.
 - ☒ check in the amount of \$ 826.00 including any assignment recordal fee.
- ☐ 2. SMALL ENTITY STATUS IS ASSERTED pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27 for this application.
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- ☐ 4. Insert before the first sentence of the specification: -- This application claims the benefit of provisional application number _____ filed _____. --
- ☐ 5. Insert before the first sentence of the specification: -- This application is a Continuation-in-part of nonprovisional application number _____ filed _____. --
- ☐ 6. Other: _____

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